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Cotton Seed—Cotton Seed

We have new scales conveniently located right by seed house and near our store. If you have seed to sell and want a big price for them, and full weights, bring them to us and get the spot cash. Remember, we buy from 100 lbs. to a car load. Don't sell without first seeing us. Special Prices made on Car Lots.

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From the Monday's cotton reports to the Memphis Commercial from all over the belt it is conclusive that the crop has not come up to expectations of a month ago. The same cause for deterioration comes from every section. All agree that the crop will be 25 per cent. short of last year. It may bring more money however than it did at the low price last season.

Now that the head ruler of Russia has assumed supreme command of the entire army, something may be done besides practicing mastery retreats. The Russians will be inspired with new hope when the little father leads the hosts. That nothing of a decisive character will occur before the winter sets in is apparent. The Germans will doubtless go in the ground for winter quarters. Large armies can be gathered by spring and then will occur the wars of the world.

It now seems that the Mexican affair may and can be settled by this and the South American governments recognizing Carranza as the de facto head of the Mexican government. It is very clear that no one else has as large an army or has control of as much territory as Carranza. To further refuse to recognize him continues the unsettled affairs there. It will be some time before he will be able to crush all the bandits and thieves who have been living for years by the practice of the profession. All munitions could be stopped from going to any such marauders which would soon put them out of business.

Dyersburg.

Mr. Editor Independent:

Since my last letter I have had the saddest time of my life. My wife taken her bed on Aug. 9th and on the 16th her case became doubtful. On the 18th our family physician, Dr. Richardson of Fowlkes had Dr. Moody of Dyersburg meet him at her bedside. An operation was necessary. This

they did at once. It seemed for several days that death was sure. I would look at her and I would look at my little children, eight in number. It seemed more than I could bear. The thought would present itself to me, "what, oh! what what can I do with our children without Mamma!" and I went to God in humble prayer and said "O God have mercy on me and spare my dear loving companion, to help me raise our children and praise His holy name." She is able to sit up now, and if nothing happens will soon be well again. Our neighbors were awful good to us. Among a lot of others who assisted me in this sad sickness were my old McNairy county friends, J. H. Bell and wife, Will Cobb and wife, U. S. Moore and wife, George Jamison and wife, Charlie Johnson and wife, Ned Holmes and wife, Albert Holmes and wife, Halcom Sanders and wife, Uncle Jimmie Briggs and wife, P. M. Deaton and Joe Grant's family, he being in McNairy. I thank God I was born and raised in McNairy county, her people are dear to my memory. I ask all our Christian friends who read this to remember us in your prayers.

Say, Colonel, we have the shortest crop since I've lived in the county, only a July crop of cotton, it rained so much in August it couldn't make. The back waters ruined a lot of corn in the low land and the wind blew a lot down. We have a lot of pea vines but very few peas. Health is better in this community now.

Lister, we have just had one of the best meetings at Fowlkes I was ever in. Bro. R. B. Freeman of Martin did the preaching. He is a power. We had about 50 professions and a number of additions to the church—Methodist.

The stork visited the home of one of our neighbors on the 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Malone, and left triplets, two girls and one boy, 3½, 4 and 4½ lbs. They only lived a few hours. The mother is doing well.

Say, Old Zique, if you are dead have 'em send Lazarus and let us know. Come on, all ye writers, and let's boost the Independent.

With best wishes to the many readers and Editor of this grand old paper, I'll close.

J. F. SWEAT.

FAIR HAS WORKED WONDERS

TRISTATES SHOW MAGNIFICENT RESULTS OF CO-OPERATION.

MEMPHIS IS GREATLY PLEASED.

The Tri-State Fair at Memphis is a monument to co-operation. It shows beyond all doubt what concerted effort can do.

The fair this year will be held September 28 to October 5, and during the ten days thousands of farmers, business men and women from the surrounding territory will see the fruits of the last few years' wonderful development concentrated in the extensive fair grounds.

Diversification even beyond the fondest hopes of the men who started the fair movement only a few years ago will be shown this year. Corn, wheat, hays, oats, vegetables, live stock, swine, poultry and a score and one other money-makers for the farm will all come in for their share of approval.

Crop rotation has proven its worth, and to the Tri-State Fair goes the lion's share of the credit for the movement in the Memphis territory. In this section there are no less than a dozen farmers who decided to adopt more modern methods after a visit to the Memphis fair. And this year they will have opportunity for even more remarkable instruction.

Harness racing, automobile racing, a splendid midway, and a half hundred other amusement features will be offered by the fair association this year. All of the railroads are giving rates and thousands are expected from this section of the state alone.

WONDERFUL CLOCK COMING.

Gebhardt's famous clock will be one of the attractions at the Tri-State Fair at Memphis this year. Announcement was recently made that the Memphis officials had secured this clock from C. Gebhardt & Sons, its makers, for the week of September 26 until October 5, inclusive. The clock was made in Mannheim, Germany. It was under construction 31 years; it has 15,000 distinct parts, which operate with 28 different astronomical motions. These motions vary from one second to a revolution of 29 years and six months. It is all operated by one pendulum.

The big clock is only one of the hundred or more amusement features at the fair.

Liberty Springs.

Again I will attempt to dot down a few of the events of this section.

The farmers are very busy gathering their crops.

Mr. J. T. Gage reports a nice time at the Farmers Institute at Jackson.

Mr. G. W. Plunk and baby have been sick for several days—the former is chills.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Gage are the happy recipients of a new baby girl at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hipps of Bethel Springs were the guests of John L. Sanders last Sunday. Mr. Sanders is chills.

Rev. Richard Ramsey closed a successful twelve days meeting at Liberty last week.

Mr. Demce McClure of Decatur county passed through a few days hence and spent a night with J. A. Plunk in route to Middleton. Not many men 78 years old would make such a trip on mule back. Mr. McClure says he works every day and is as limber as a 16-year-old.

Mrs. Oscar Sheets of Illinois is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mollie Plunk. Mrs. John Rouse and baby of Nubbin Ridge were the guests of Miss Josie Plunk a few Sundays back.

T. H. Etheridge, son of Mr. Joe Etheridge, of Texas, while in route to Nashville, stopped off to see home folks.

C. C. Plunk and family attended the singing at McNairy last Sunday.

The boys have just finished a new bridge in the Case lane.

Dr. Motley says we ought to have an auto up here since we have such good roads.

The writer and Mrs. Hovis are able to be up, but very feeble.

Miss Nora Carroll is reported to be very low from typhoid fever.

With best wishes. W. T. Hovis.

Gooch School.

The summer is almost gone. It has been a benefit to many, and to others it has only been time wasted. Many of the boys and girls have done two months good work in school, which will help to brighten their way in the future. They have added some well-shaped stones to the foundation they are laying that will enable them to build a stronger temple. While

others have passed off the time in seeking pleasure, never once considering that

"Pleasures are like poppies spread, The flower is seized, the bloom is shed."

Our school has gotten along nicely this summer. Good interest was manifested by most of the patrons and students.

Some good work has been done by the students in spite of all the difficulties they have had to overcome.

Mr. J. C. Mullens and Mr. A. Steadman visited the school last Tuesday. Mr. Steadman planted some good thoughts in the minds of the students.

Harvest time is here and all are busy.

TEACHER.

Town Board Meeting.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session Friday night, Sept. 10th, with the Mayor, Marshal, Recorder and all Aldermen present.

The following amounts were allowed and ordered paid:

J. E. Maxedon, marshal, salary for August \$10.00

Electric Light Co., lights for August 23.25

On recommendation of Street Committee, the following accounts were allowed and ordered paid:

Ed McCullar, street work \$6.30

John Carroll " 1.50

Frank Curry " 2.10

Lon Barnes " 1.10

Gib Wilson " .85

J. E. Maxedon " 2.88

J. R. Smith " 4.00

Tenn. Culvert Co., metal tiling, 68.64

A. H. Jopling, nails .10

Selmer Hardware Co. street and cemetery 5.45

Total for streets \$92.90

Total all accounts 136.10

The Marshal made a report showing collection on street commutation, \$4, which was paid to treasurer, less 5 per cent. commission.

The Recorder made a report showing the following collections since last report, and paid to treasurer:

Property, less 5 per cent. com. \$52.83

Privilege—J. W. Prather 5.00

Browder Bros. 5.00

Total \$62.73

The Treasurer made the following report, showing condition of treasury:

Amount on hand last report \$14.04

Collected from Recorder Hendrix:

Town tax 52.73

Privilege tax 10.00

Collected from Marshal Maxedon:

Street tax 3.80

On concrete walk:

J. T. Warren 20.13

F. L. Emmons 10.07

Lee Alexander 8.96

J. H. Steadman 16.10

Total \$135.23

By warrants paid since last report \$73.83

By cash on hand 61.40

Total \$135.23

The reports of the Marshal, Recorder and Treasurer were referred to the finance committee.

The finance committee made a report showing that the last reports of officers were correct.

The following were released from street duty: Frank and Bob Adams, Jim Paschal, Fona Lock, Reva Peery and Houston, N. E. Goodrum, Ed Gooch and Dummy Prather.

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Land Transfers

M. L. Barham and wife to Claude Sweat, 135 acres, \$1.00.

J. C. Coats and wife to T. R. Coats and wife, 11 acres, \$7.50.

J. H. Coats and wife to T. R. Coats and wife, 36 acres, \$7.50.

Same to A. Z. Coats, 35 acres, \$7.50.

Same to same, 8½ acres, \$7.50.

Same to Eber-Brasfield and wife, 37½ acres, \$7.50.

Same to same, 8½ acres, \$7.50.

A. E. Kernodle and wife to F. B. Kernodle, 140 acres, \$1,150.

B. W. Hendrix and wife to A. G. Fulghum, 38 acres, \$784.

C. D. Hester and wife to A. E. Kendrick, 165 acres, \$1,000.

J. M. Buchett and wife to C. M. Loughlin, 137 acres, \$1,000.

O. Farris and wife to E. A. Farris, 50 acres, \$700.

J. C. Cross and wife to T. J. Bowers, 10 4-5 acres, \$200.

J. W. Smith and wife to Elmer Smith, 67½ acres, \$800.

A. M. Ingle and wife to J. M. Ingle, 104 acres, \$650.

W. E. Wall and wife to H. J. McBride, 121½ acres, \$800.

Selmer High School Notes.

Each day brings new students to our school. The enrollment for the second week is 116. The attendance so far has been almost perfect. Quite a number of boarding students have enrolled and more are coming in the near future. The Selmer High School offers many advantages to boarding students that are not had elsewhere. The tuition rates are lower than in other schools of the same type. Board may be had in Selmer from \$10.00 and up. Total expense for a month need not amount to more than \$15.00.

The Selmer High School Literary Society was organized last week with the following officers: Moss Brooks, president; Mansel Kendrick, vice-president; Kathleen Wyatt, secretary. The first program will be given Friday night, Sept. 24th. The subject for debate will be: Resolved, "That the United States Government should own and operate the telephone and telegraph systems of our country." Visitors are cordially invited to visit the school at any time and to attend the exercises given by the Literary Society.

Interesting Letter.

Summer is nearing an end. The sky is smiling down on the earth with a soft brightness, which tells of the coming autumn, when the woods will be decked in radiant colors. The sun shines through a cloudless, hazy light which reminds us of days gone by and the time of fruition drawing near.

Soon the songs of the birds will be heard no more, the drum of the insect more frequently, which sounds like a dirge to the memory of the dying summer. The rich yellow of the golden rod, the flash of the purple iron weed, various other autumn flowers line the dusty roadside, with the rich red and brown sumac and wine colored elder, which adorn the fence corners making a picture to delight the traveler along the country roads.

We appreciate these lovely mornings when the sparkling dew wet grass and the bright glowing face of the morning glory peeping from the green wreathed garden fence greets us and breathes of hope and cheer, and better days to come, for soon the trees with their glistening green, will soon put on their garbs, and the weeds and flowers will droop and wither under the touch of Jack Frost.

The earth for some days past has been sodden, and the damp, misty days were far from being cheerful, nature seemed in a despondent mood, possibly in sympathy with the misfortunes by flood and rain, which has brought destitution to some parts of our own country, and she may have been weeping over the sad tragedy, which is daily taking place to our neighbors across the sea. These days of early autumn bring no ray of hope to them that the wings of peace will soon dispel the dark war clouds from their land and bring hope once more to their desolate hearts and homes.

We feel the deepest gratitude when we contrast the conditions of our own fair land, whose chief affliction has guided us through the most exasperating conditions, with such steadiness, wisdom, and withal such enduring patience, coupled with a staunch firmness, no necessary to our self respect.

Adversity to others brings about a responsive touch of deep and enduring pity in our own hearts, and the kindness we feel, finds expression not only in words but in deeds, and we truly realize that Kind hearts are more than coronets, And simple faith than Norman blood. Selmer, Sept. 14, 1915.

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